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# Shock For Diplomatic Playboys

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## CAPITAL REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—The playboys who have been living high on the hog in U. S. diplomatic and other operations abroad don't realize it as yet, but they're in for a rude awakening in the coming Congress.

Their troubles began when Vice President Nixon made his good will trip to Africa a year ago, and came back with very seamy reports about some of the American personnel he had come in contact with in various places.

By way of appeasement, Mr. Dulles went through a few motions, and hoped it would be forgotten. But it wasn't.

Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, senior Republican in the Senate, has had his eye on the foreign shenanigans for a long time, and his wife, Dolores, an old State Department hand before she became Mrs. Bridges, knows all the ropes.

Bridges picked up the ball

where Nixon had left it, and decided to do something about it.

Other members of Congress—Senate and House—who have been traveling abroad since Congress adjourned in August, have brought back reports that are similar to the Vice President's, but in considerably more detail.

The State Department frailties are the least of the troubles. The U. S. Information Agency has been running wild, and the Central Intelligence Agency even more so.

In the latter case, there is not even any public accounting of what is spent or what is being done, which paves the way for evils enough, when it happens here at home under the immediate glare of public surveillance. When it happens in foreign countries, where the American public has no eyes or ears, it breeds trouble unlimited.

IN ADDITION to these operations, there are the armed forces, more than 40 per cent of which are now stationed in foreign countries. There are also the foreign aid program and the technical assistance program and the agricultural missions. Worst of all, perhaps, are the quasi-official operations, supported by public funds even as

Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberation.

It is not alone a question of expenditures. In many cases it is a matter of policy, as in the last named operations. Mr. Dulles himself states that these are implementations of American foreign policy, but from a disciplinary standpoint they are completely out of control.

Under present circumstances, there are not organized facilities in the Congress to find out what is going on, let alone to do something about it.

The more likely course is to revive and enlarge the old foreign aid watchdog committee, which Democratic Chairman Clarence Cannon of the House Appropriations Committee sandbagged in 1950 because it was interfering with the dreams of the giveaway boys.

But something is coming up, for sure.

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